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# Introducing Enfield

A series of sketches showing how  
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interesting spots in Enfield and the  
surrounding district

With brief explanatory notes

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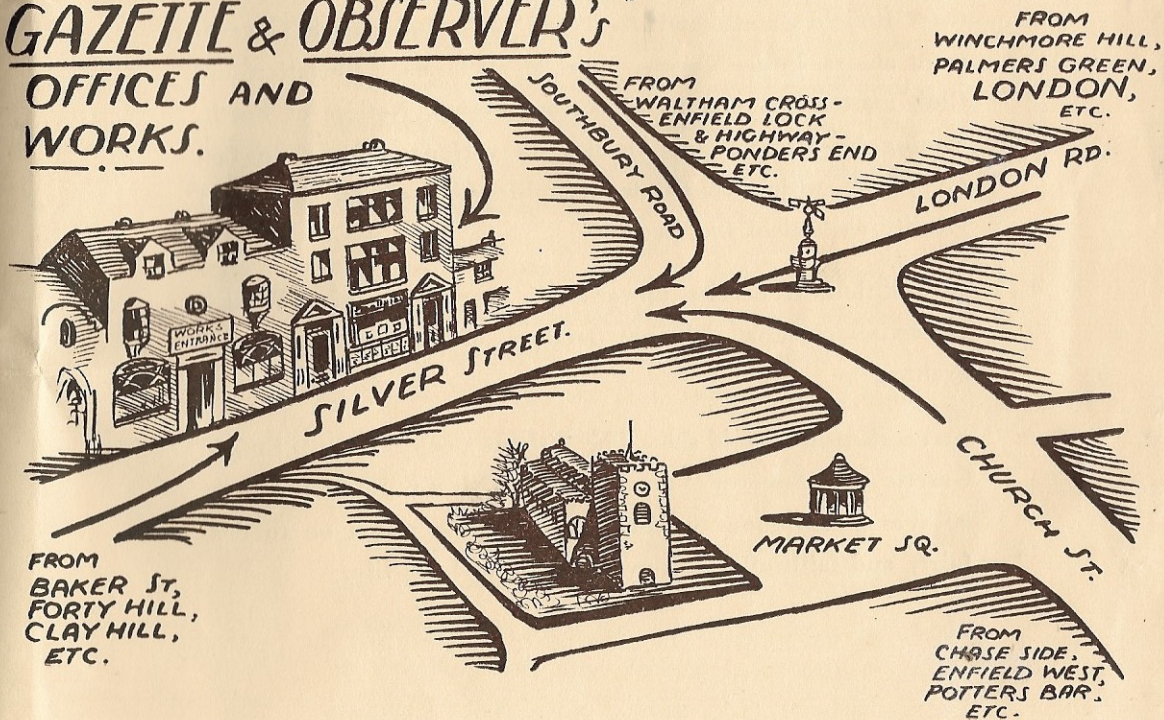
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The thought behind the production of this little book is to suggest how to "get about" Enfield. It does not profess to describe Enfield's history—interesting as it is to many. Those who love delving into the past will find "The Story of Enfield," price 2/-, full of authentic details. It can be had of any newsagent, or from the Office of the "Enfield Gazette and Observer," Silver Street, Enfield.

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*Let's say first of all this little book "Introducing Enfield" may not interest the older inhabitants. They have doubtless already explored the many walks and interesting spots. It will enable new residents to become acquainted with what Enfield possesses both within its confines as well as on its borders.*

*Whether you walk, drive, or push a bike, the sketches will indicate how you can explore Enfield and the surrounding district with pleasure and interest. Few suburbs of London offer such a variety of both rural as well as historical spots.*

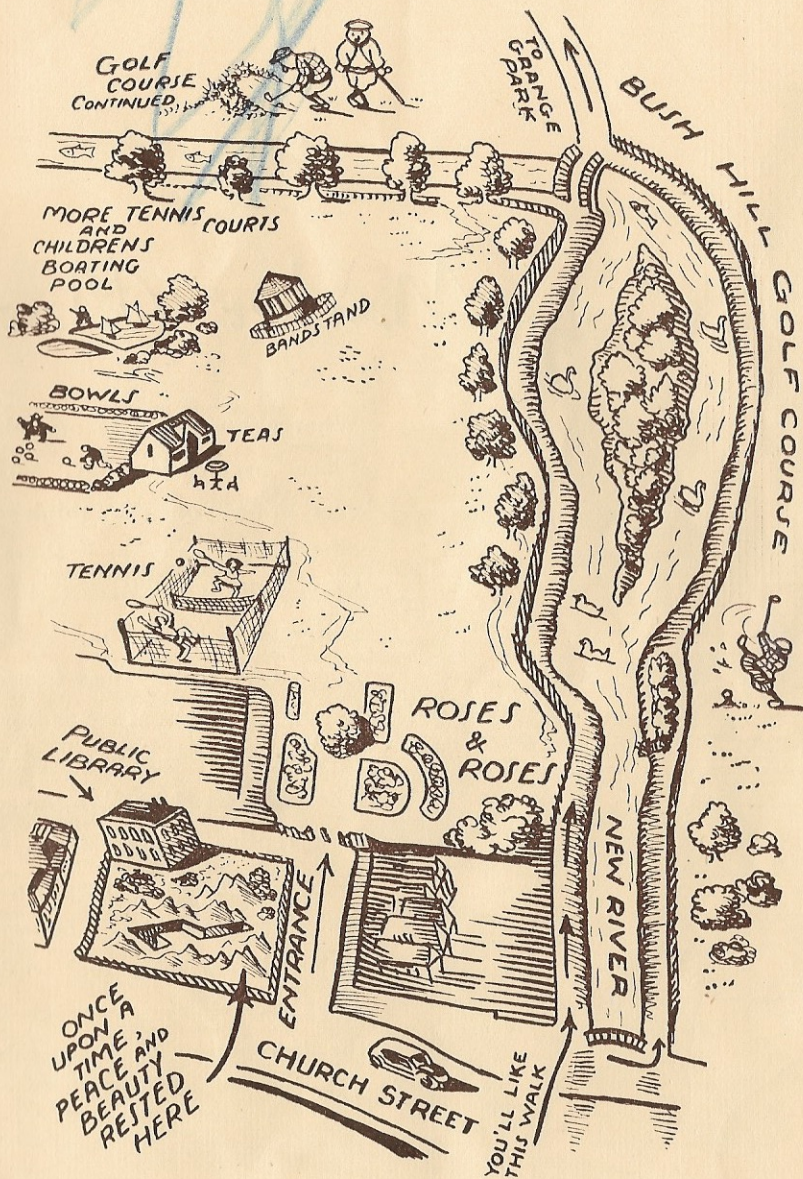
*Neither do we claim "Introducing Enfield" as one of a series of those "Guides" which are fairly common. We have tried to give you in an original form some indication of where to go and what to see, and if "Introducing Enfield" serves this purpose we shall be satisfied.*

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## *The Reservoir*

“And so near the Town, too! Here you leave Enfield’s busy main street and stroll ’neath shady boughs by the side of the New River, an artificial stream made years ago by Sir Hugh Myddleton to bring water to London from Ware. It will be noticed the river has no “current.” This is because just recently a big “loop” was cut off, the water travelling to London by pipes, but Enfield likes its bit of the New River as an amenity, so it was taken over by the District Council. So one day perhaps we shall see boats on it.

The Town Park adjoins the river.



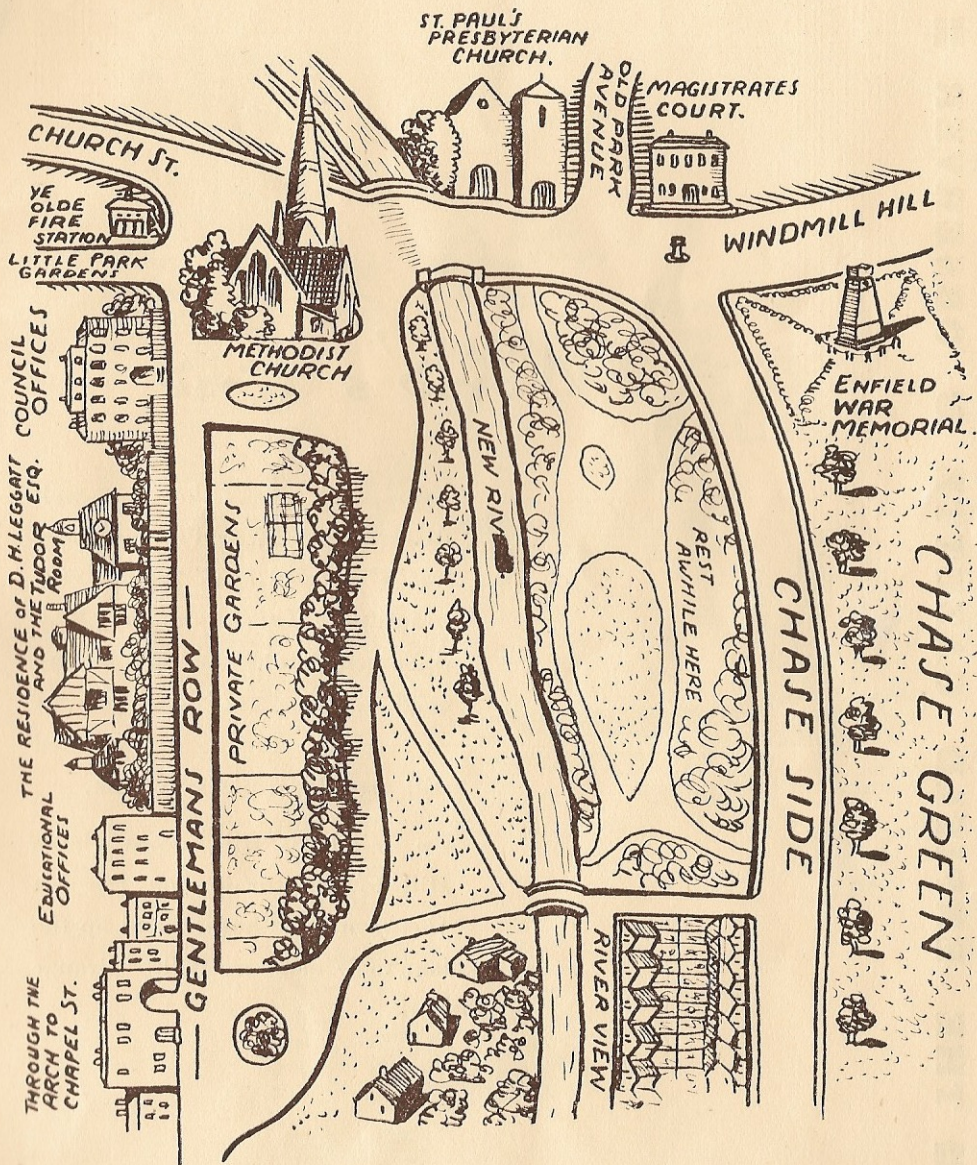
## Market Place

What a busy spot is our Market Place every Saturday. Almost everything you can think of is offered for sale—and there are bargains! The Market is held under an ancient Charter—it was granted by King James I in 1619, but he never visualised motor cars bringing customers to the Market! The “Market House” in the centre is a replica of one which stood there years and years ago, and under which the housewives gathered for gossip and washing. The present one commemorates the Coronation of King Edward VII.



## *Gentleman's Row*

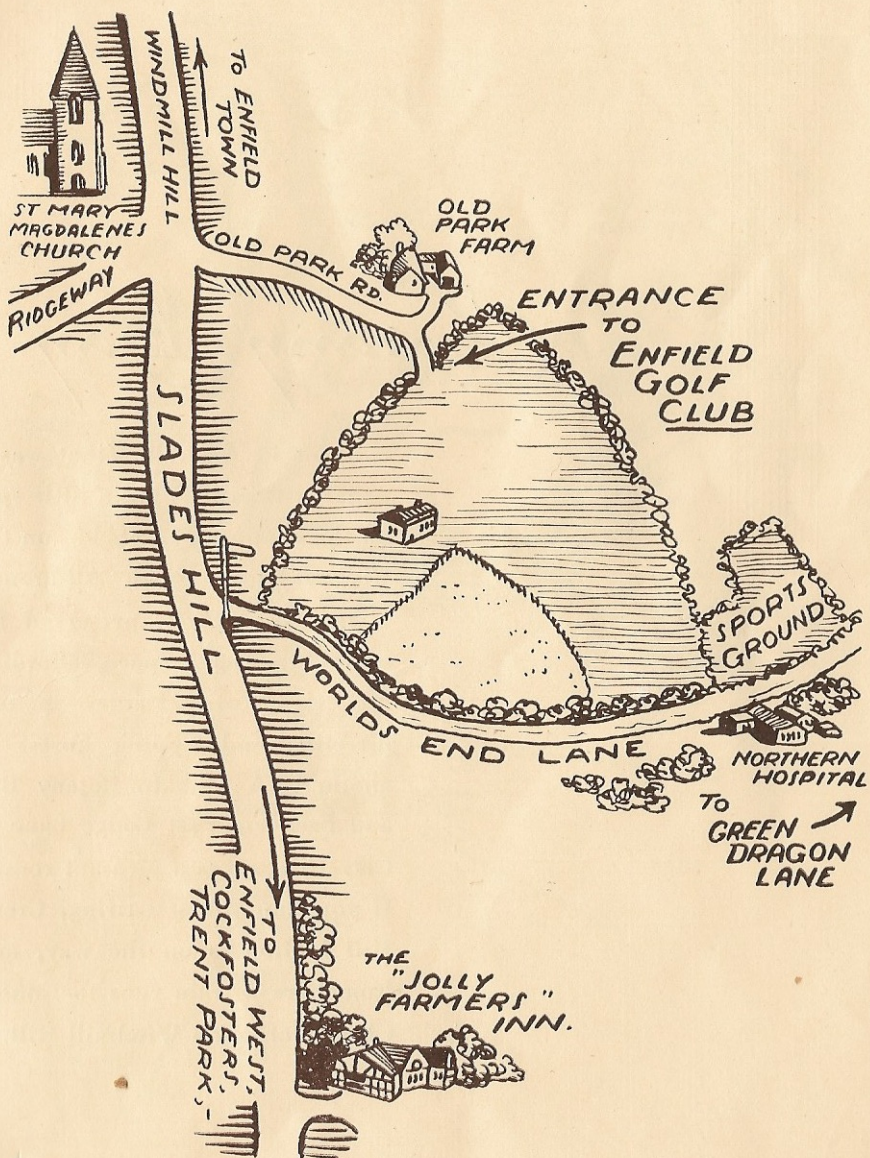
A quaint title for a really quaint "backwater" right close to the Town. It attracts folk from all over the country, for Charles Lamb lived in one of the quaint old houses which time has not altered. And near by are Chase Green and the Gardens through which runs the New River. Being so close to Enfield's business centre, the Gardens provide a spot for rest and quiet after the hurly-burly of a busy morning's shopping.



## World's End

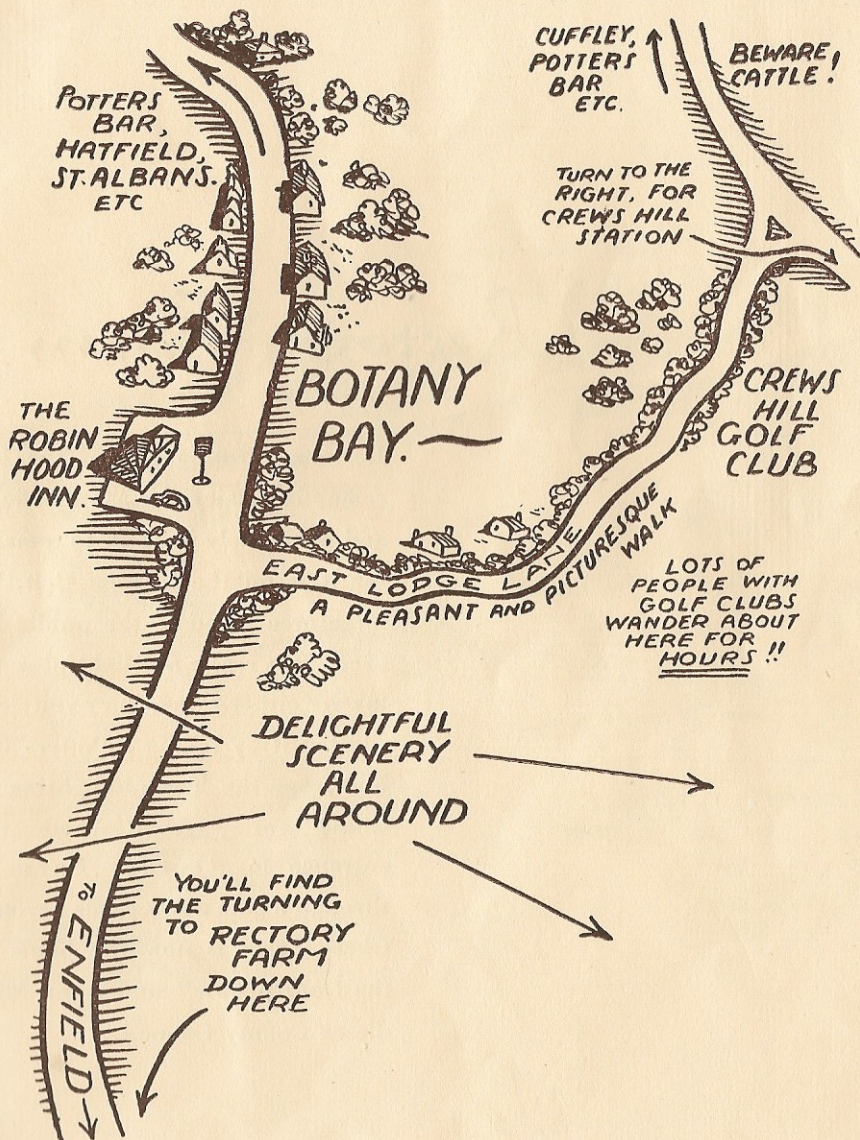
Years ago its title was well deserved, for World's End Lane was a deserted spot, though very beautiful. Though to-day "development" robs the surrounding neighbourhood of some of its rural charm the route indicated still provides a pleasant walk.

Up Windmill Hill, down Slades Hill to the turning on the left (between some houses) and up the lane to Winchmore Hill or Grange Park.



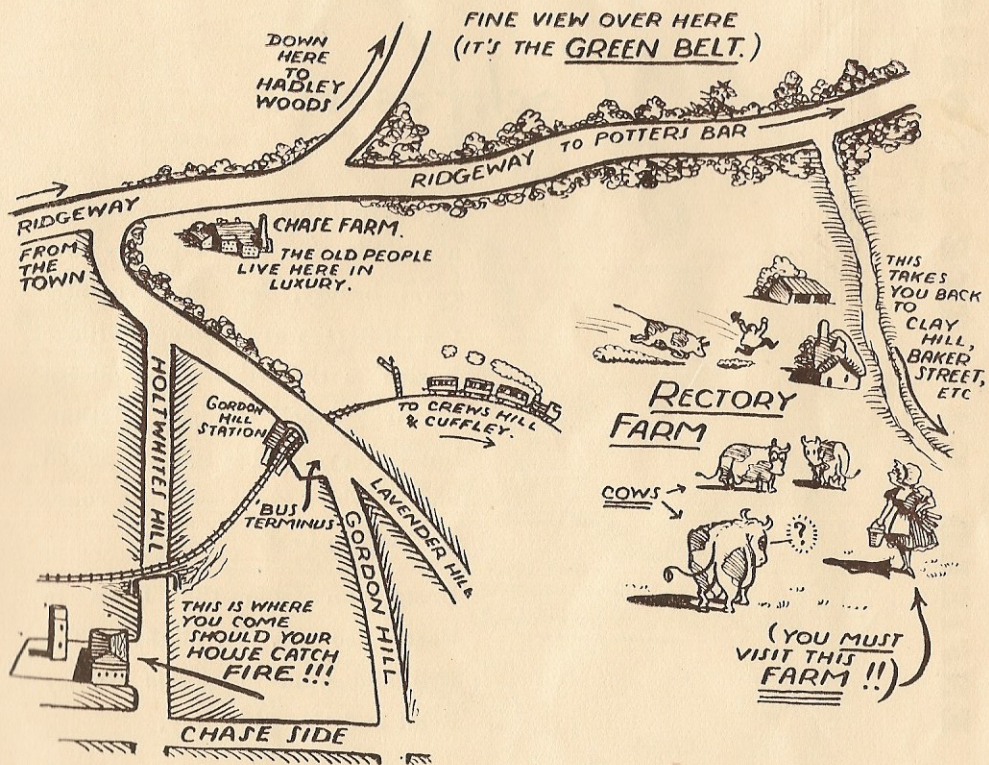
## Botany Bay

No, not in Australia (that was a penal settlement!) but a little spot on the confines of Enfield—on the Ridgeway to be exact. All around is the Green Belt, preserved for ever as an open space, affording fine views over Hadley in one direction and Epping Forest in another. A walk to Botany Bay and back *via* East Lodge Lane to Clay Hill makes a pleasant round. If you find yourself tiring, Crews Hill Station is on the way, and from here a train runs to Enfield Chase Station on Windmill Hill.



## *Rectory Farm*

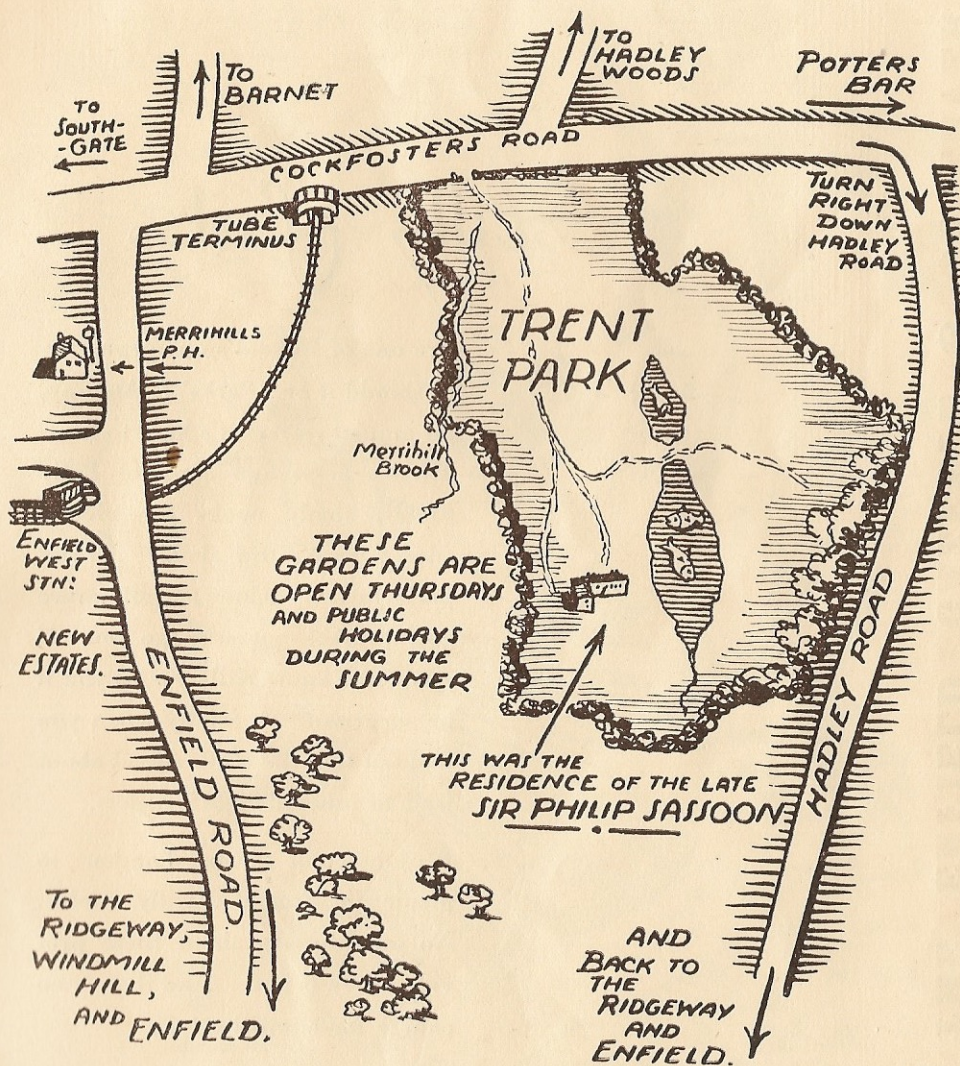
Rectory Farm is one of the few remaining Dairy Farms in Enfield, and fortunately is likely to remain, for it is on the "Green Belt," a large area saved to the public for ever. It is really a delightful walk, taken either way, or you can shorten it by taking a Potters Bar bus from the Town, alighting at Chase Farm, from which the entrance to Rectory Farm is through a gate a few yards beyond. Chase Farm is now the home of the "old people" under the Middlesex County Council.



## Cockfosters

You'll find this a good round walk, a combination of modernity and rural beauty, for until recently Cockfosters was a sleepy village buried in the wilds. The advent of the "Tube" changed all that, but Hadley Road is still unspoiled and provides views over the country hard to beat.

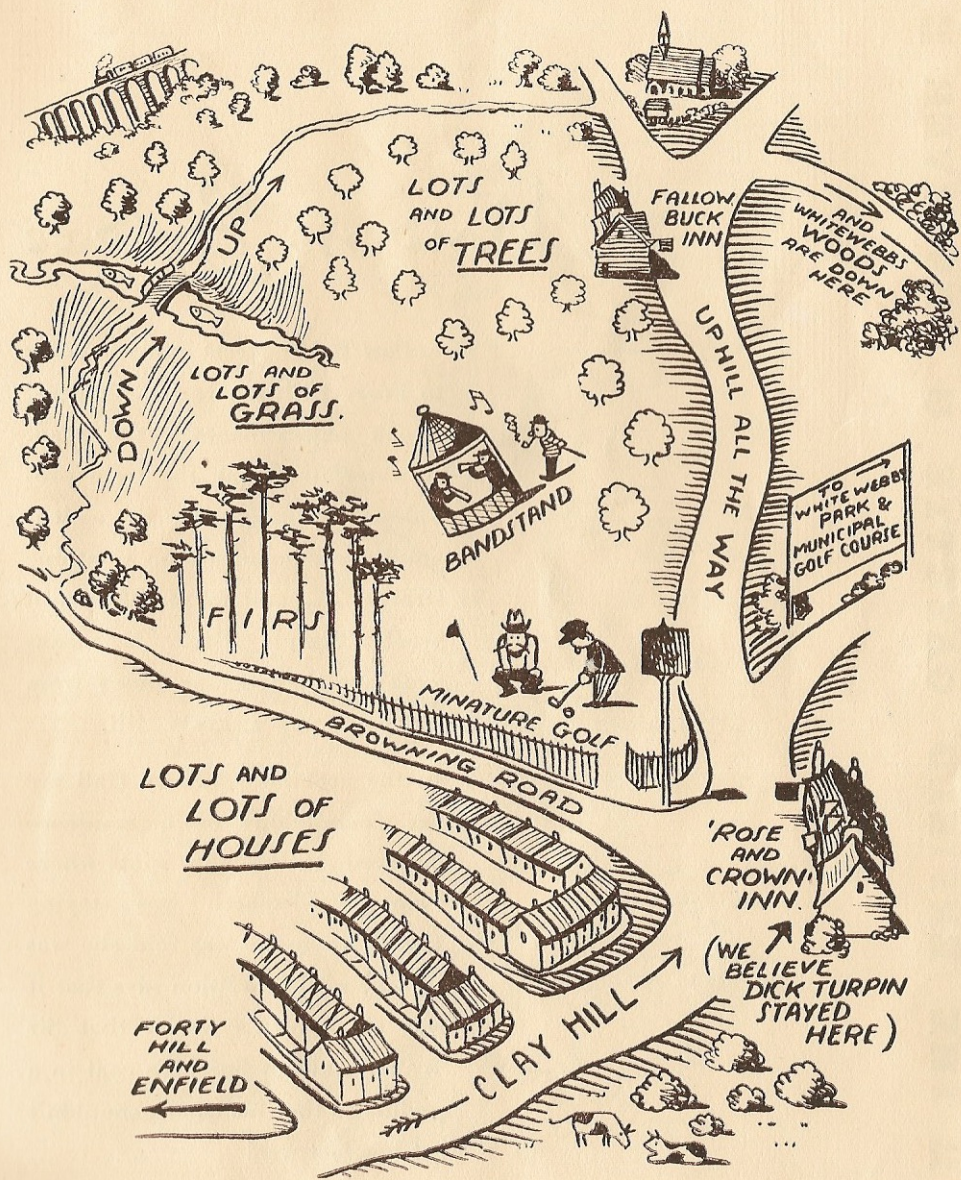
Buses run from the Town to Barnet, so you can alight at Cat Hill and walk home *via* Hadley Road and the Ridgeway.



## Hilly Fields

Are one of Enfield's open spaces—or should it be “Parks”? Anyway, for a quiet retreat it's hard to beat. There's acres and acres of Hilly Fields, shady nooks for picnics (don't leave litter about); a band plays in the summer; a miniature golf course—but why go on. If you don't know Hilly Fields you'll be surprised—especially when you find out that the roads round about lead to other delightful spots.

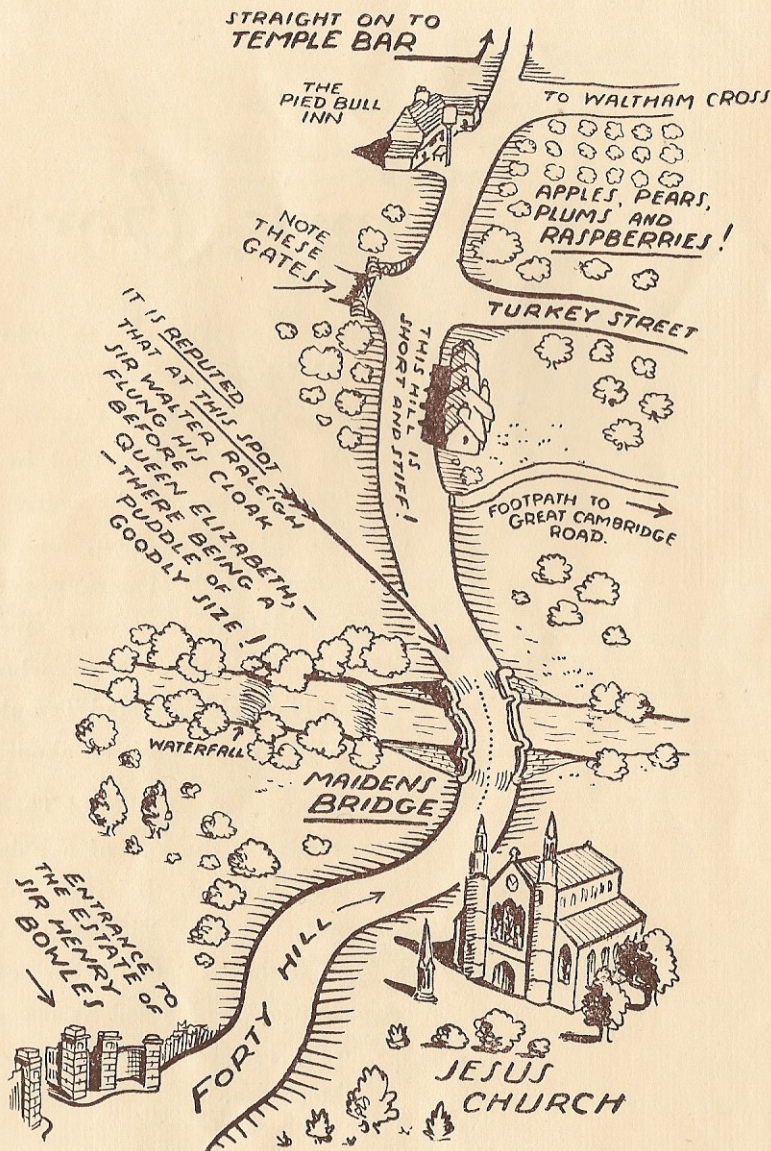
People come from London to picnic in Enfield's Hilly Fields. No one worries about them provided they behave. And there's no charge for admission!



## Maiden's Bridge

Follow Baker Street and you come to Forty Hill, where the Maidens' Brook passes beneath the road. A waterfall among the trees provides a charming scene, set as it is amid overhanging trees. Continue straight on, and eventually you'll reach Temple Bar. It means walking, though, for buses from the Town stop at Forty Hill.

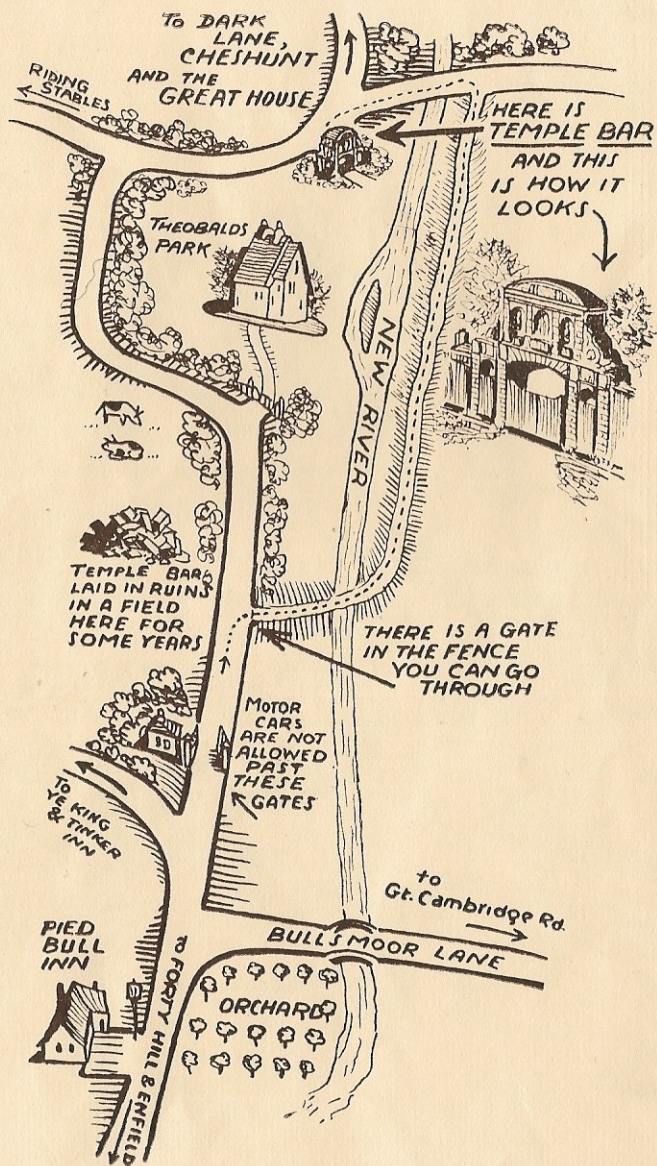
In the grounds of Forty Hall are the foundations of a residence believed to be the spot where Princess Elizabeth was staying (1558) when she was told she was Queen, while tradition says that it was at Maiden's Brook that Sir Walter Raleigh flung his coat in a puddle so that his Queen shouldn't get her feet wet!



## Temple Bar

It may seem strange to find one of old London's treasures erected in a park, but there it is for all to see. Temple Bar stood in Fleet Street as one of the entrances to the City of London, and on its summit heads of persons executed for high treason were stuck on spikes. Sir Henry Meux, who lived at Theobalds, erected Temple Bar in its present position about 1887.

The present mansion of Theobalds stands on the site of a palace of King James I. It is now the property of the Middlesex County Council. A good view of the mansion is obtained by taking the walk by the river, indicated on the sketch.

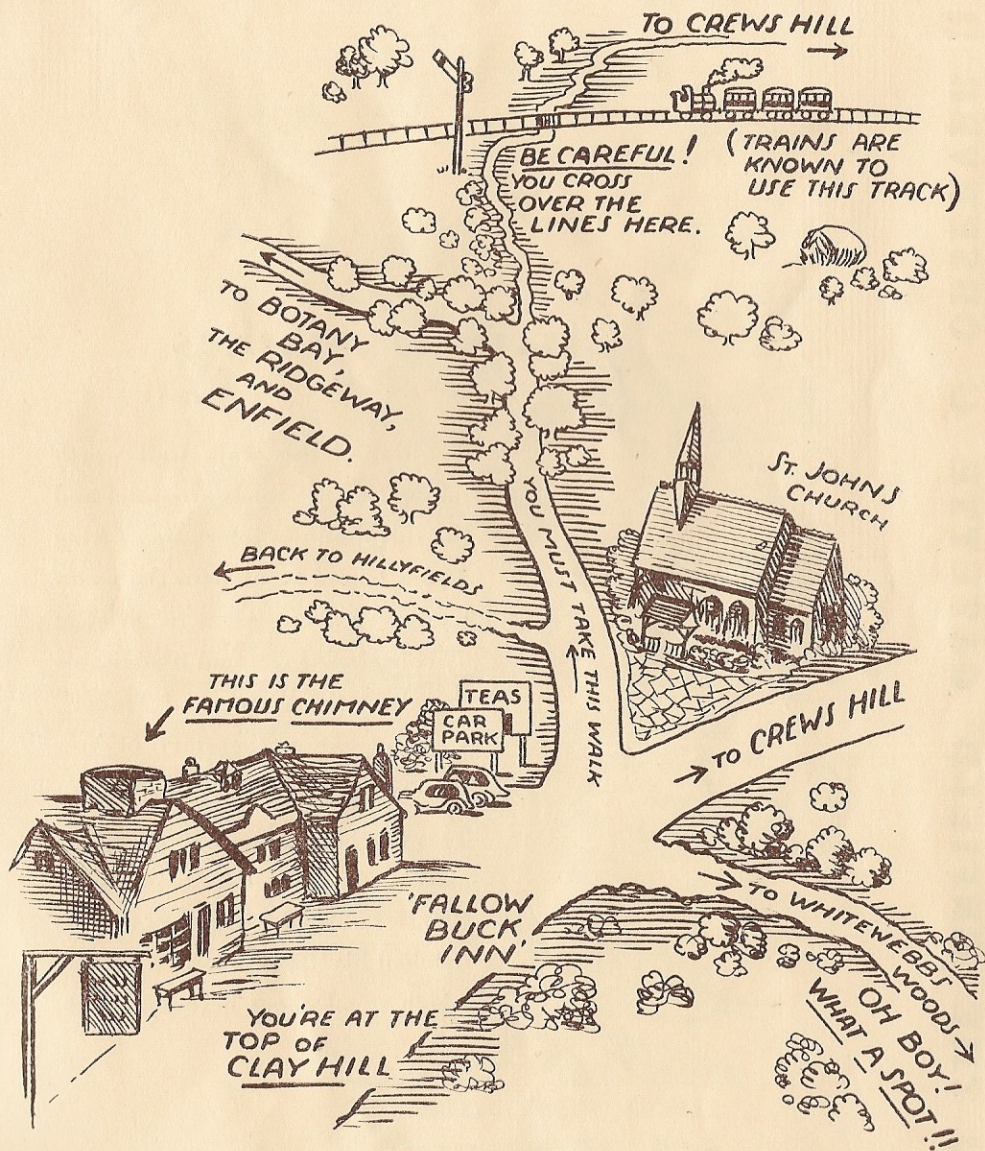


## Clay Hill

How this part of Enfield got its name is "wrapt in mystery."

There's a bit of a hill, no clay, but it's a salubrious spot, and any of the turnings indicated take you to rural beauties—including Whitewebbs Woods (public property); Enfield's Municipal Golf Course; Hilly Fields; the Green Belt; Rectory Farm. A good round walk. Try it.

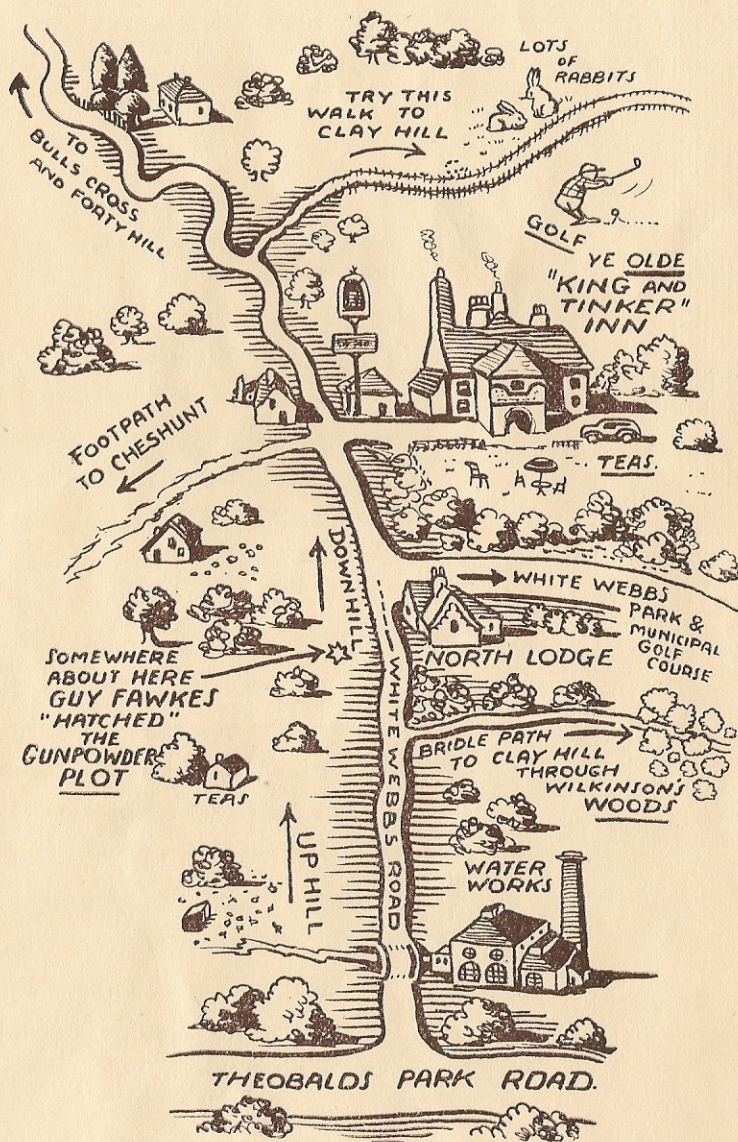
They'll tell you all about the "chimney" at the Fallow Buck—an apt name bestowed, no doubt, because hunting used to take place round about.



## Guy Fawkes

You'll find this walk well worth taking, for the roads are quiet and the surroundings interesting. King James I used to hunt in the country round about when he lived at Theobalds. If you find it advisable to call at the "King and Tinker" you can obtain the story of how the King met the Tinker.

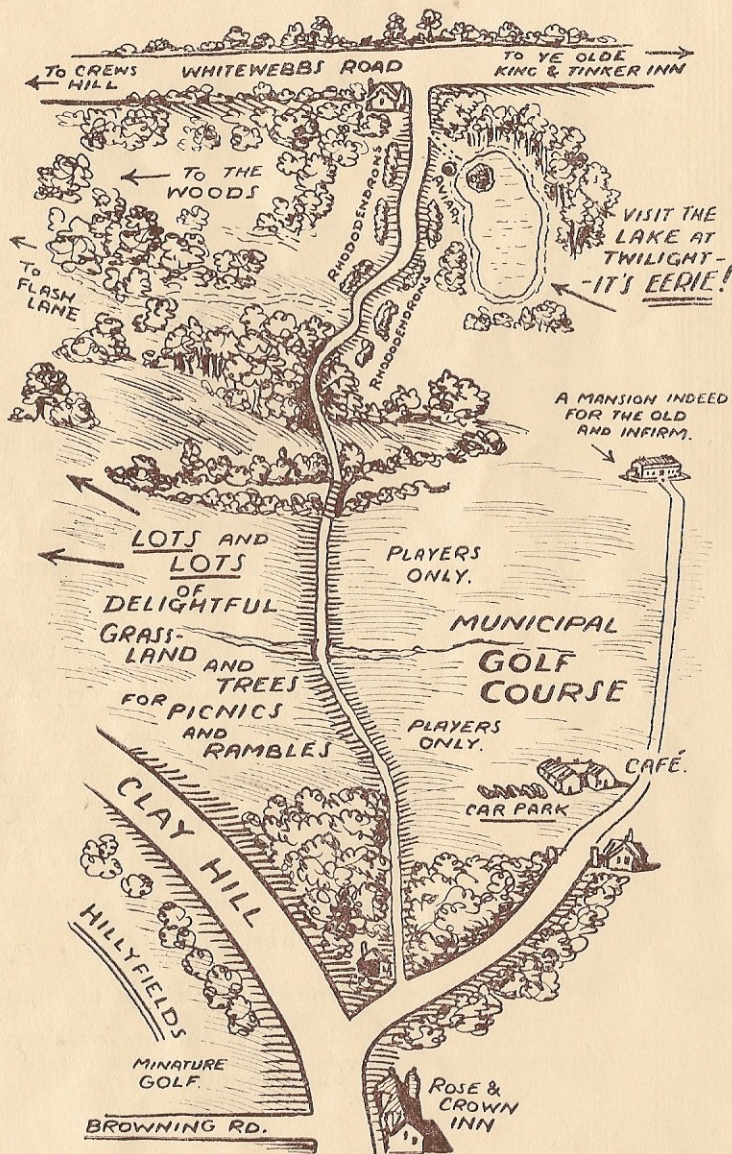
This neighbourhood will always be associated with the Gunpowder Plot, for our old friend Guy Fawkes hatched his "fireworks" in a house which stood about here years ago.



## Whitewebbs

No amount of sketches or photographs can do justice to "Whitewebbs," a once private estate now public property. Here are woods, lakes, open spaces, a municipal golf course, where one can spend day after day in full enjoyment of Nature's beauties. A well-equipped café provides refreshment, or you can picnic where you will, always bearing in mind that the Golf Course, because of flying balls, should be avoided!

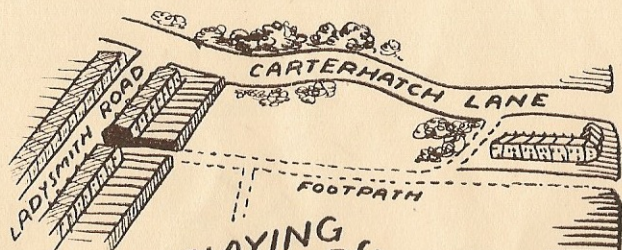
Take a bus to Forty Hill, walk to the "Rose and Crown" Inn, turn right, and there you are. Enfield's first beauty spot is undoubtedly "Whitewebbs".



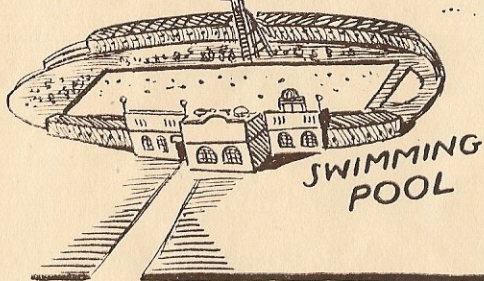
## Playing Fields

Few districts possess such a large area as Enfield for just playing games. The Swimming Pool is one of the finest around London; the Stadium has its grandstand, and here football by the Enfield F.C. and the Arsenal Reserves draws thousands every week-end, during the season, of course! When the Playing Fields are completed (there's to be a fine racing track) Enfield will cater for sport better than anywhere in the suburbs.

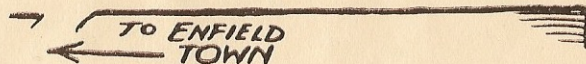
The Playing Fields are quite near the Town and are well served by bus from all parts.



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FIELDS:  
FOOTBALL,  
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SOUTHBURY ROAD

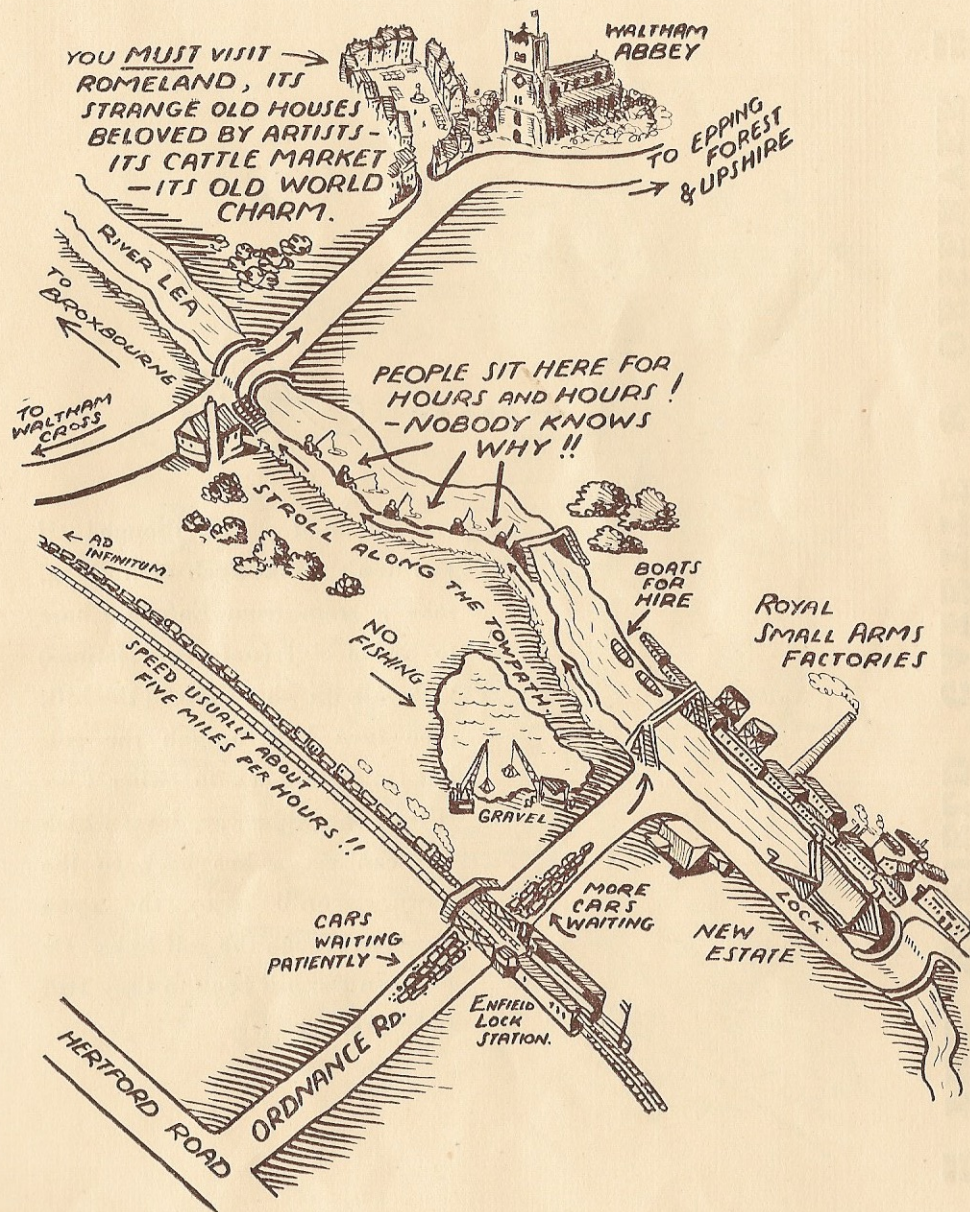


GREAT CAMBRIDGE ROAD

## River Lea

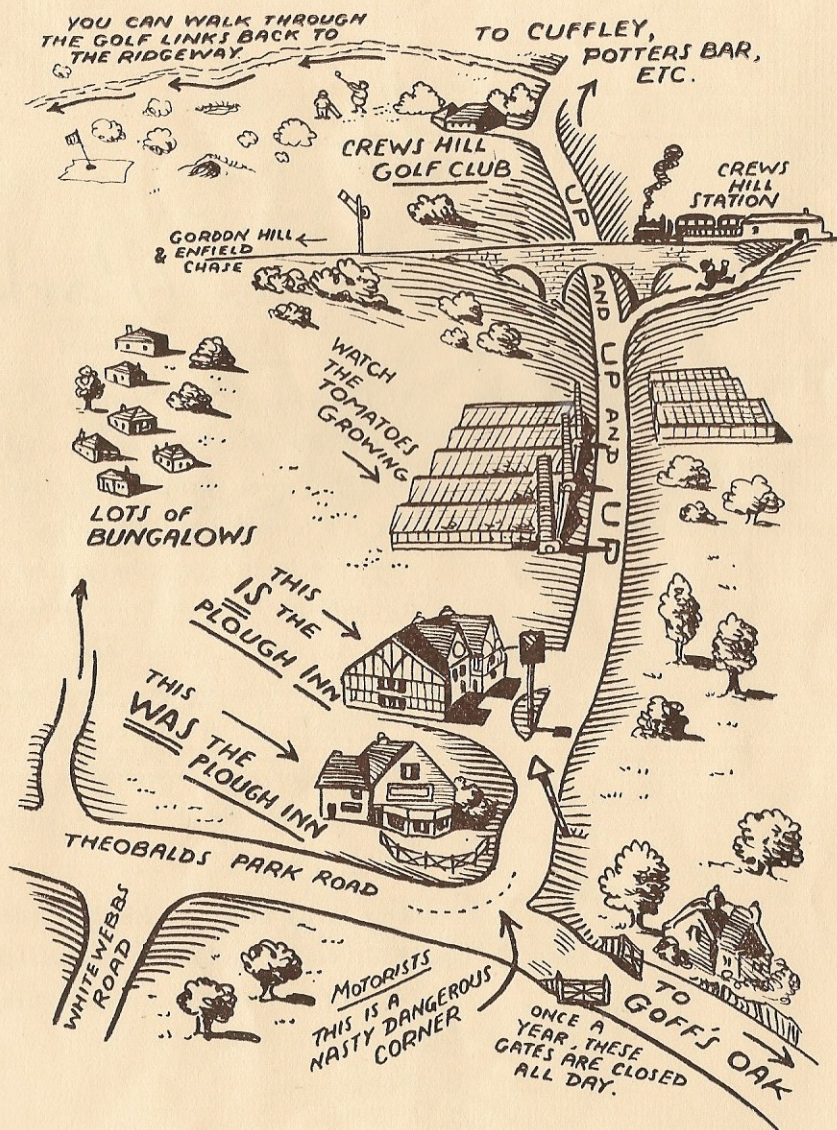
Fishing? Yes, fish have been caught in the river, but even if you are not successful what's it matter? You can spend hours in contemplation on the river's banks, or you can stroll along and see others doing it! And still strolling, you'll reach Waltham Abbey. Of course, it's a walk from Hertford Road, though when you reach the river you can hire a boat and go for a row.

Romeland and Waltham Abbey are dealt with in a later sketch.



## Crews Hill

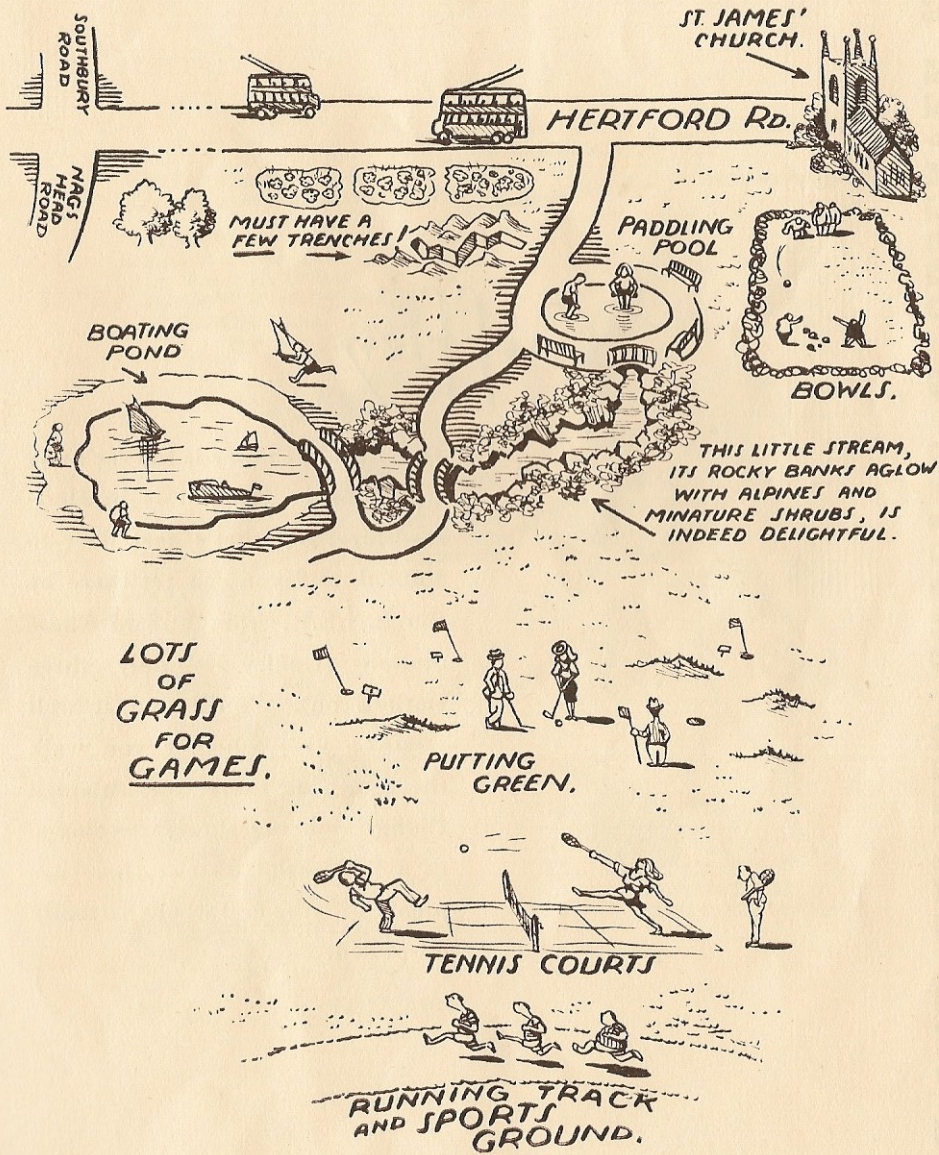
Not much of a hill, though! If you don't think much of walking, take a train from Enfield Chase to Crews Hill (only two stations) and walk up what's left of the hill, then turn left through the golf links and so back to either Clay Hill or the Ridgeway, from which you can get a bus back to the Town. You'll enjoy the open country through the golf links. Or go down the hill back to Clay Hill and Baker Street.



## Durants Park

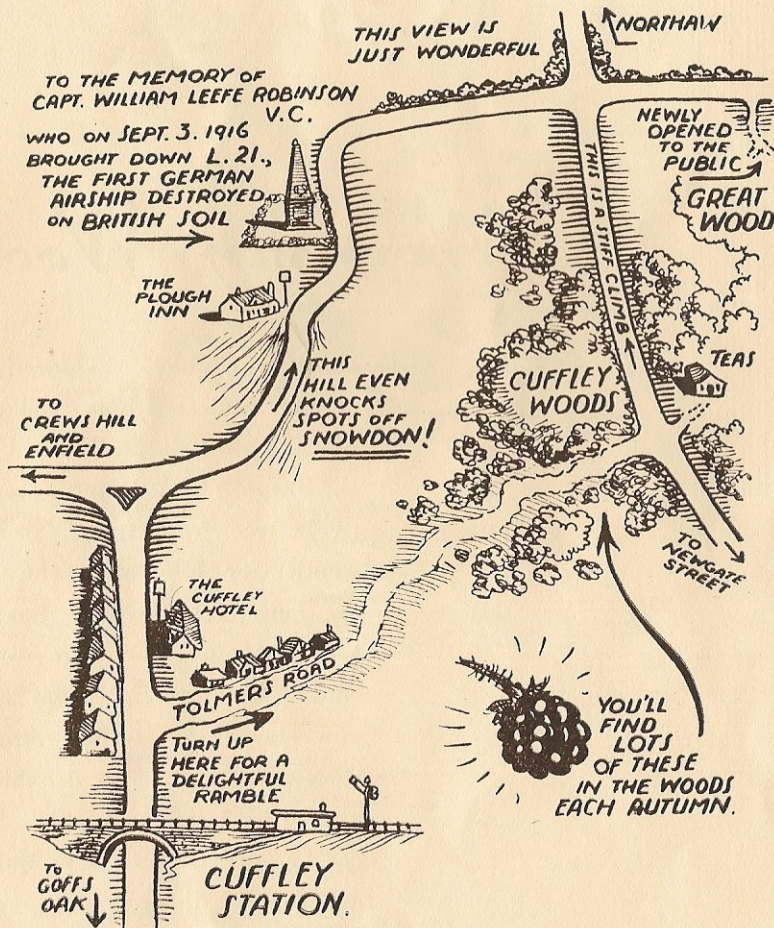
Unless you explore Durants Park you won't know what an attractive spot has been provided for you, for it's one of Enfield's parks. If the spot hadn't been bought by a thoughtful District Council it is safe to say it would have been covered with houses long ago. Now, of course, it makes a splendid "lung" for the thousands of residents round about Enfield Highway.

Our artist has done his best (not bad, you'll say!), but his sketch doesn't do justice to Durants Park. No sketch could.



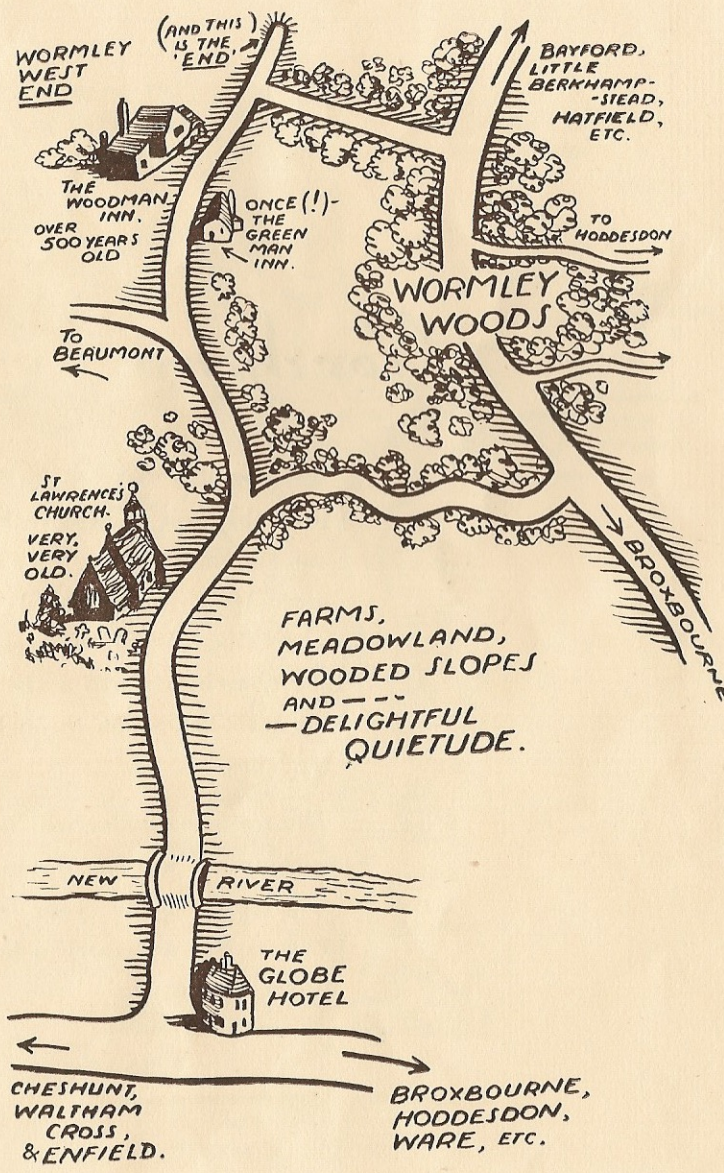
## Cuffley

Don't think Cuffley is too far away to explore! True, it is in Hertfordshire, but that's next door to Enfield, and you can get there by the L.N.E.R. from Enfield Chase Station (Cuffley is only three stations on). You'll find it well worth a visit whether you walk there or ride there, for although Cuffley is being slowly developed as a residential district there are plenty of lanes and woods virtually unspoiled.



## Wormley Woods

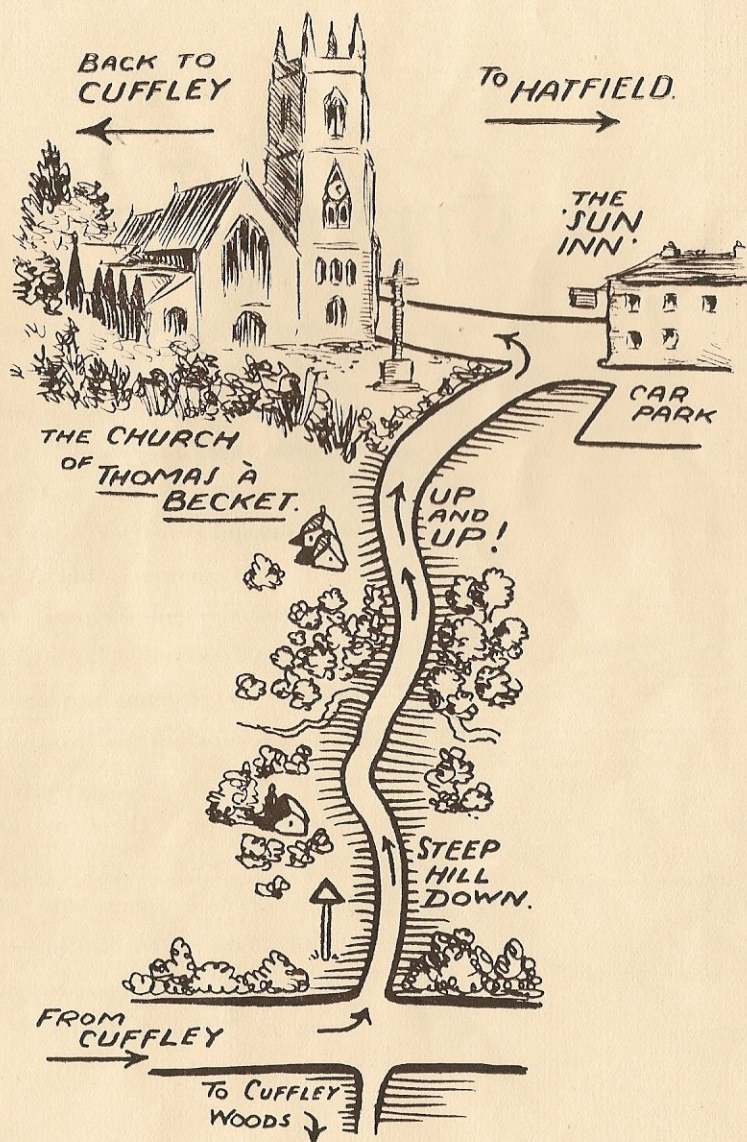
Until you have explored the country indicated here, you won't realise how delightfully rural it all is. Unspoilt by building, comparatively free from traffic, you can wander for miles along the country lanes. A Hertford bus will take you along the main road to the "Globe Hotel," from which you start your walk, returning through the woods to Broxbourne and so by bus home again. If by car or cycle, carry on to Hatfield and so back through Potters Bar.



## Northaw

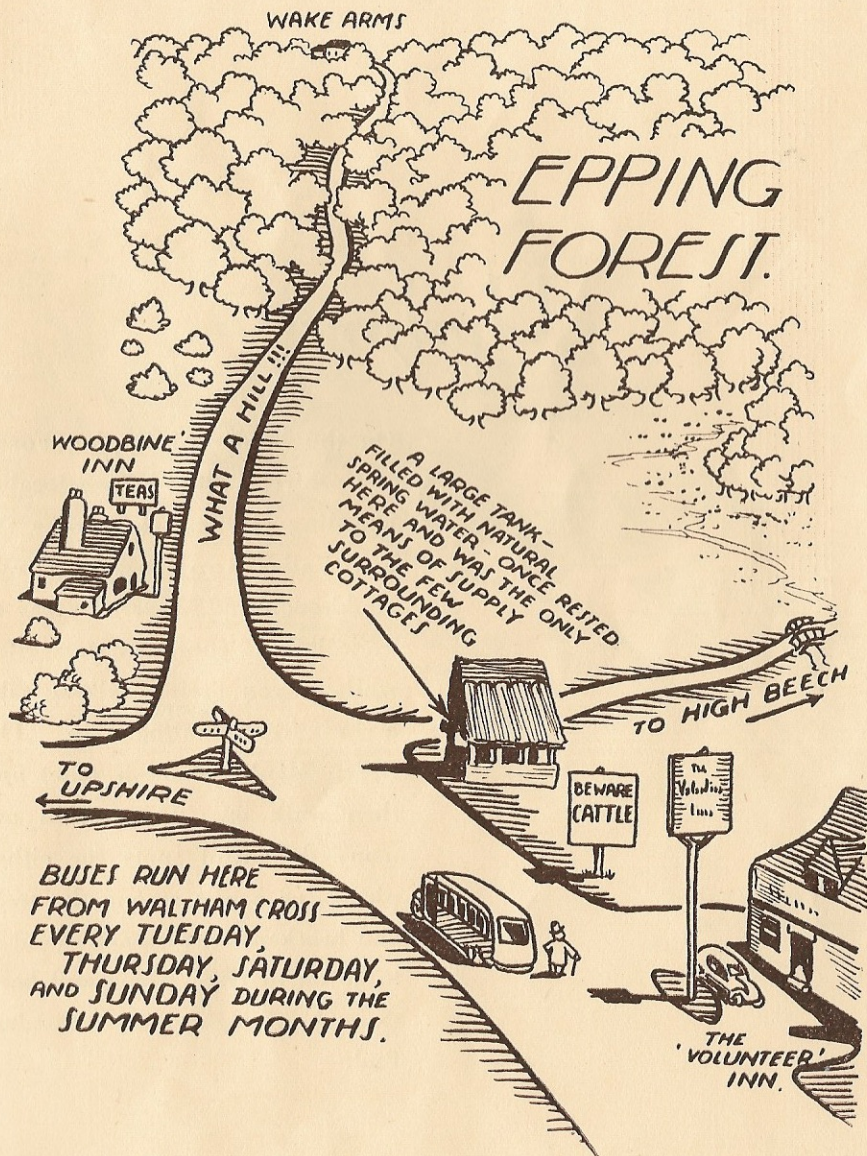
As these little sketches are designed to enable you to explore Enfield's surroundings, this "wander" around Northaw should appeal. The village is off the main road, the church is worth a visit, while the walk takes you through country lanes.

The train to Cuffley will land you within easy walking distance, and to return, make your way to Potters Bar and catch a bus back to the Town.



## Epping Forest

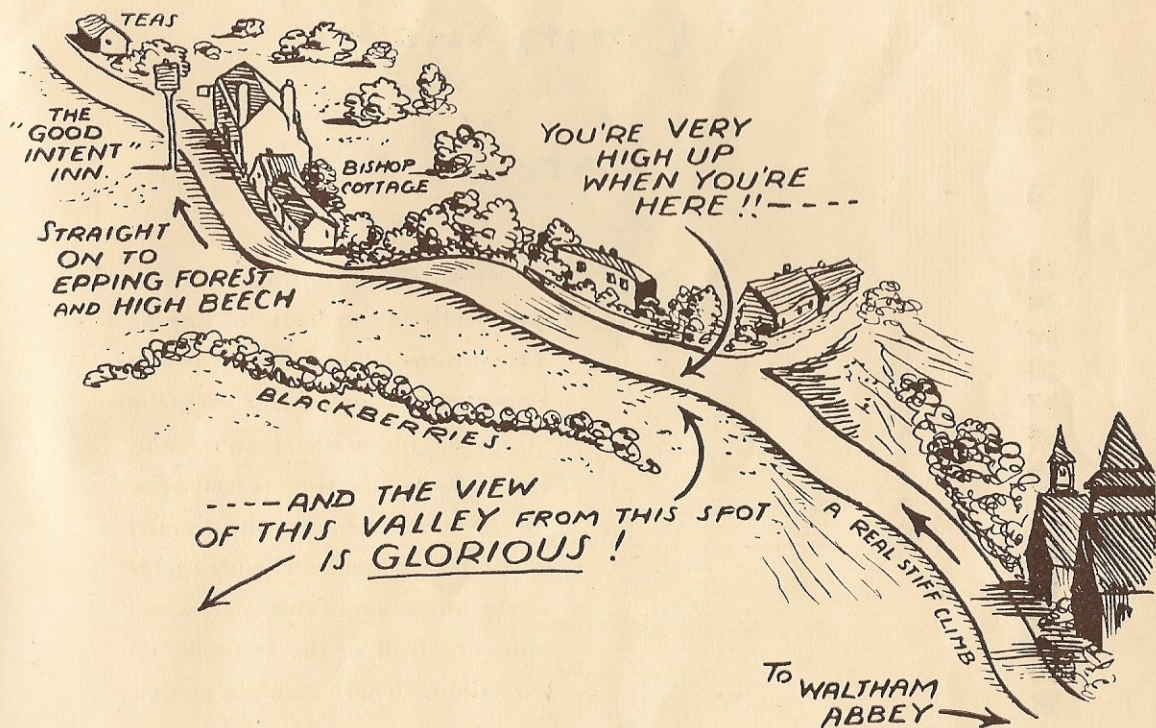
They call the Forest "London's Playground." If it was more miles away from Enfield you'd find excursions there every day! It is all yours to wander in—and there's six thousand acres! Epping Forest is a vast natural park which sheltered ancient Britons, Queen Boadicea making her last stand against the Romans at Amesbury Banks, a spot not far from the top of the hill shown opposite. Car owners can park their cars among the trees; picnics are permitted. Herds of deer roam wild in the glades. You get to Waltham Cross by bus, and then change to another going to "The Volunteer," and there you are!



BUSES RUN HERE  
FROM WALTHAM CROSS  
EVERY TUESDAY,  
THURSDAY, SATURDAY,  
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SUMMER MONTHS.

## Upshire

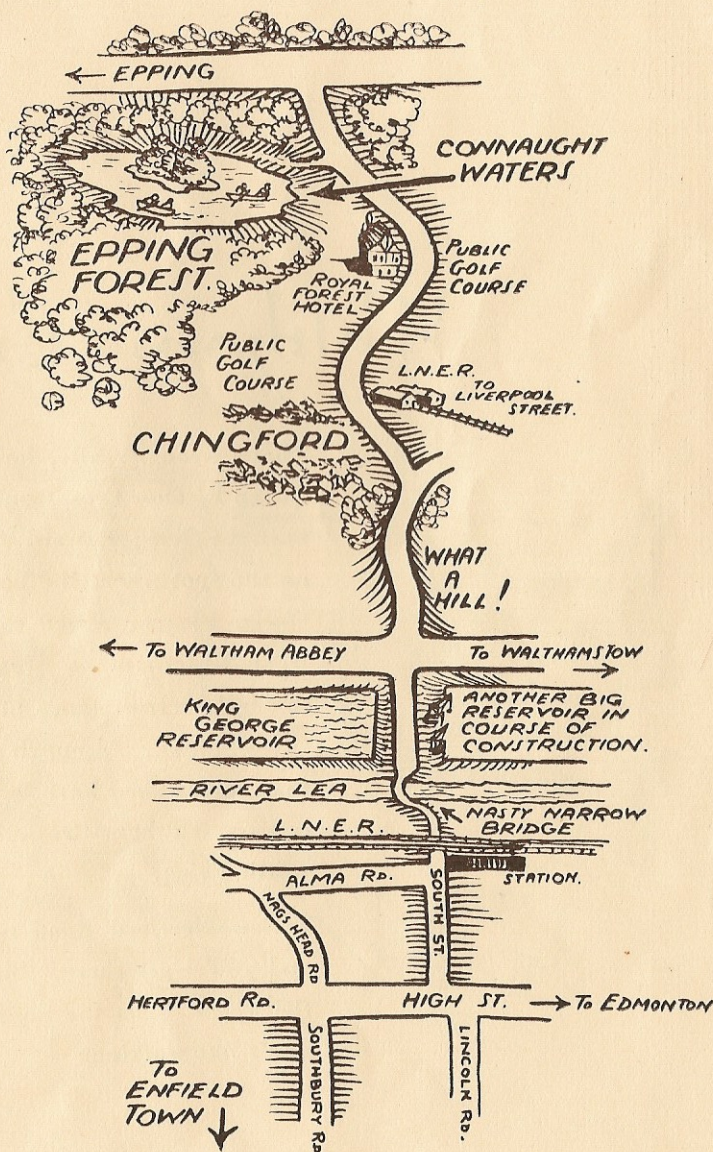
On the border of Epping Forest is Upshire, a little-known locality affording glorious views over the Lea Valley looking towards Hoddesdon and Ware. By car or cycle it is of course an easy ride, while if you prefer walking take a bus from Waltham to "The Green Man" (about a mile) and then walk on. Here again are many delightful spots for either picnics or a rest among the trees and bracken. A pleasant round is to go on to High Beech and back through Chingford and Ponders End.



## Connaught Waters

In a delightful setting of trees, practically in the centre of Epping Forest, Connaught Waters provides opportunities for boating. Nearby is one of Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodges, a well-preserved relic of the time when Royalty hunted there. A public golf course adds to the attraction of this spot, while you can stroll in the forest in all directions. There's ample accommodation for cars all around.

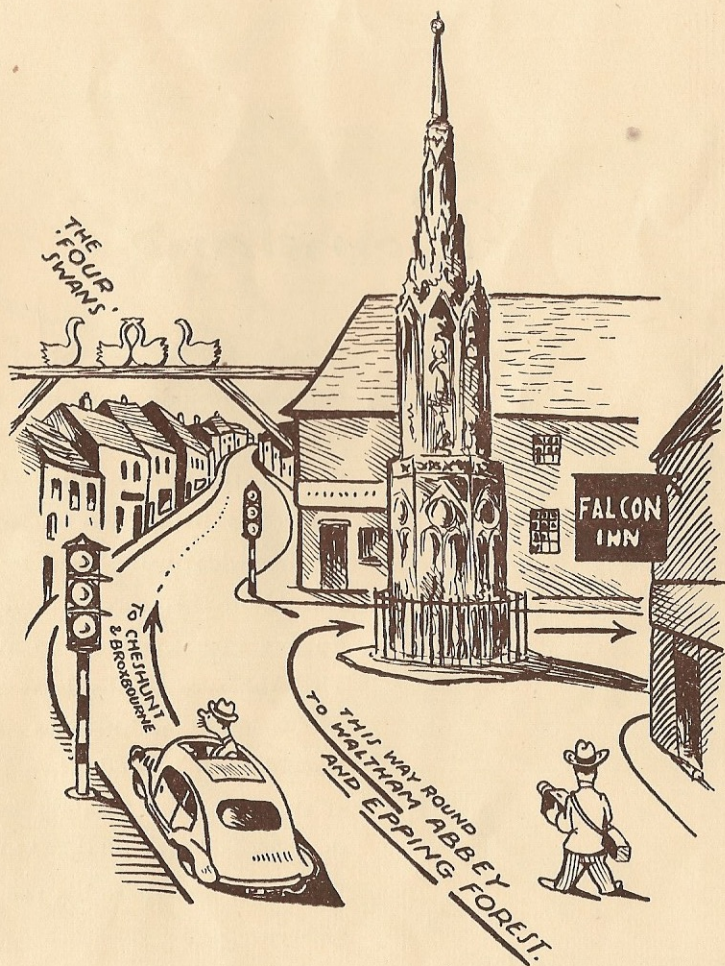
If you walk it you'll possibly be too tired for rowing—so go by car or bike. And ride home through the Forest *via* High Beech and Waltham.



## Waltham Cross

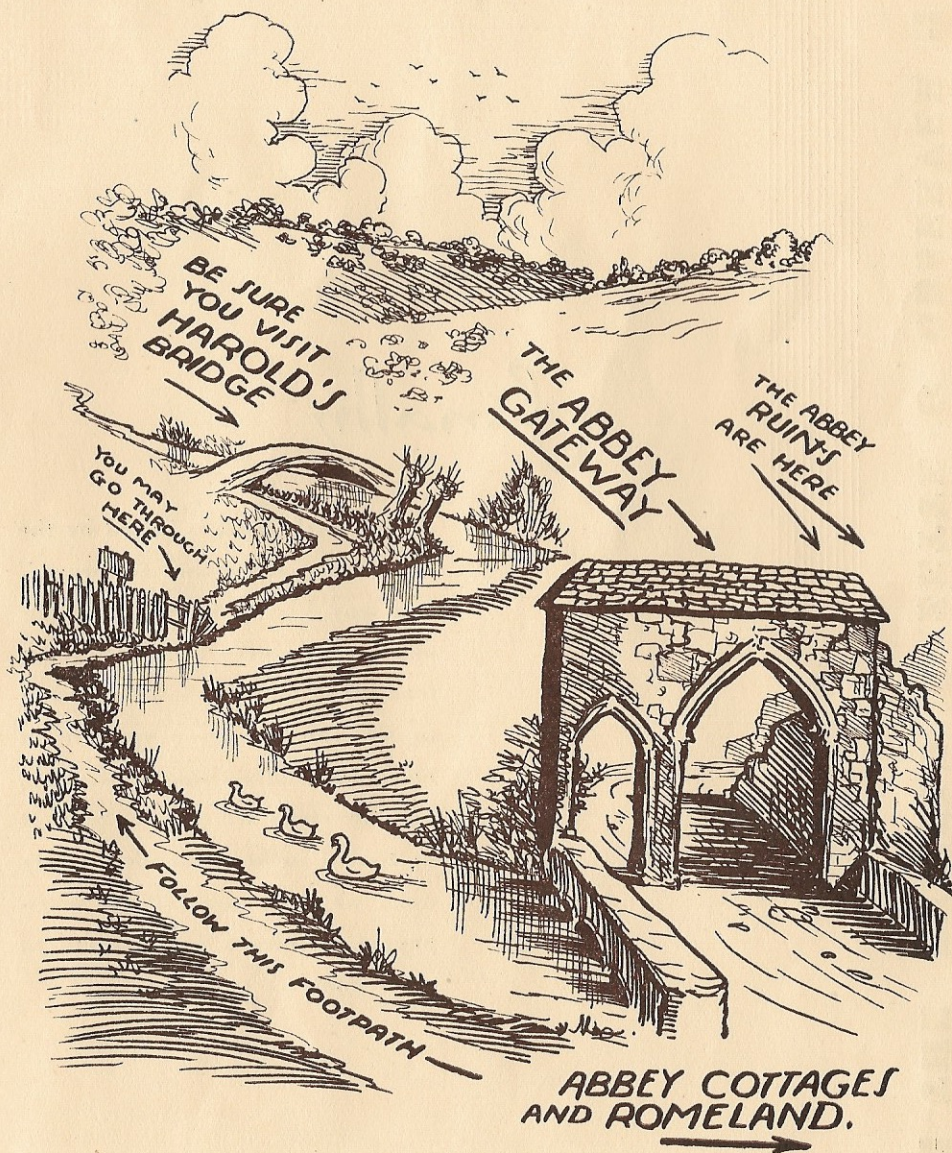
That's wrong, really, for it is the Queen Eleanor Cross—one of those built by King Edward I in 1290 on the spot where the body of his Queen Eleanor rested on its way from Grantham to Westminster. A similar cross stands at Charing Cross Station. Although the years that have passed have levied their toll on Waltham Cross, it is well worth a visit.

Follow Hertford Road northward and you'll get there. Buses from the Town "pass the door" if you don't like walking.



## Romeland

Is part of Waltham Abbey. Turn out of the main road just before you reach the Abbey and follow the footpath by the stream. "Harold's Bridge" is an interesting historical relic, used by King Harold on his way to and from Epping Forest, where he hunted. The Abbey is a splendid example of Norman architecture. King Harold built it, and when he fell at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 they buried him in the Abbey at Waltham, and there his tomb can be seen.



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